**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Municipal Administration And Urban Development Department – Case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 for the Allegation of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Narukurthi Krishna, formerly Bill Collector, 29 & 29 (a) Revenue Wards, (47th Election Ward), Municipal Corporation, Kakinada, East Godavari District – Trapped on 09.03.2016 – Sanction of Prosecution – Accorded – Reg.

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**MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.MS.No. 411** **Dated: 29-11-2017**

**ORDER**:

Whereas, Sri Narukurthi Krishna, s/o. Manneyya, Worked as Bill Collector, 29 & 29 (a) Revenue Wards, (47th Election Ward), Municipal Corporation, Kakinada, East Godavari District from 23-04-2015 to 09-03-2016 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. And whereas, Sri Pinnamareddi Bujji, S/o. Venkata Rao, r/o Kondayyapalem, Kakinada, E.G. district is a private employee working as clerk in R.S. Wines. One Sri M. Peddiraju is the younger brother of his father-in – law, who purchased 203 sq. yards vacant house site in Survey No. 199/6 of Kondayyapalem, Kakinada Urban Mandal on 09-04-2014 and got it registered vide Doc. No. 3762/2014. As the said Peddiraju resides in Tuni, Sri Pinnamareddi Bujji was looking after the affairs of the said site. On 24.03.2015, he submitted an application to the Municipal Commissioner, Kakinada for levy of vacant land tax. But there was no response from the Municipal Authorities. As such on 13.01.2016 he submitted another application enclosing attested copy of sale deed to the Municipal Commissioner, Kakinada. 25 days later he met the Revenue Inspector, Kakinada Municipality and enquired about levy of tax. He informed that they addressed endorsement letter to Peddiraju duly noting the requirements to be made and sent the same to the concerned clerk. Despite the same Peddiraju did not received any endorsementletter. Subsequently when Sri Pinnamareddi Bujji enquired on knowing that the said letter was lying with Bill Collector Sri Narukurthi Krishna, he met the Bill Collector Sri Narukurthi Krishna who informed that the said letter was with him and stated that it requires lot of process such as serving notice, obtaining copies of EC, and photos of site. He also informed that they could impose three years tax for vacant site as per rules, but he would manage to get a Special Notice issued imposing tax for one year and demanded bribe of Rs. 50,000/- for doing such favour. When Sri Pinnamareddi Bujji informed the same to Peddiraju, he expressed his difficulty to pay the amount and advised him to request Sri Narukurthi Krishna once again. Accordingly on 29.02.2016 Sri Pinnamareddi Bujji met the Bill Collector Sri Narukurthi Krishna and when requested he reduced the bribe amount to Rs. 40,000/- and stated that his work would not be done unless the bribe amount is paid. When Sri Pinnamareddi Bujji informed the same to Peddiraju, he advised him to once again meet Sri Narukurthi Krishna and

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request him or else to give report to B Officials, if he was not convinced to perform his work without payment of bribe. Again when Sri Pinnamareddi Bujji met Sri Narukurthi Krishna on 05.03.2016 and requested, he further reduced the bribe amount to Rs. 30,000/- and asked him to bring the bribe amount on 09.03.2016 either to his office or any other place as instructed by him.

3. And whereas, Sri Peddiraju was not willing to pay the bribe, he asked Sri Pinnamareddi Bujji to lodge report with ACB. Accordingly Sri Pinnamareddi Bujji gave a report to the DSP, ACB Rajahmundry on 09.03.2016, who after observing procedural formalities, registered the said report as a case in Cr. No.02/RCT-RJY/2016 U/s.7 of the P.C. Act, 1988 on 09.03.2016 and submitted FIR to the concerned and made arrangements for laying the trap.

4. And whereas, during the course of pre trap proceedings on 09.03.2016 of the Bill Collector Sri Narukurthi Krishna was trapped near Indira Gandhi StatueJunction in Narasanna Nagar, Kakinada, when he further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.30,000/- during post trap proceedings from Sri Pinnamareddi Bujji. When the fingers of both the hands of Sri Narukurthi Krishna were subjected to chemical test separately, his right hand fingers yielded positive results. In pursuance of the information furnished by Sri Narukurthi Krishna, the tainted amount of Rs. 30,000/- was recovered from the tank cover of motor cycle bearing No. AP5 BM 9322. When compared, the serial numbers of the recovered currency notes were found tallied with those of the serial numbers of the currency notes handed over by Sri Pinnamareddi Bujji during pre-trap proceedings. The chemical tests conducted on inner linings of the tank cover of the motor cycle bearing No.AP5 BM 9322, on which Sri Narukurthi Krishna arrived to spot also yielded positive result. The DSP seized the tainted amount, Rexene cover attached to the fuel tank of motor cycle bearing No. AP5 BM 9322, resultant solutions, copy of Document No. 3762/2014, photo of vacant land including photos of Peddiraju and relevant records and resultant solutions. He also prepared rough sketch of the scene of offence.

5. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Narukurthi Krishna, worked as Bill Collector, 29&29(a) Revenue Wards, (47$^{th}$ Election Ward), Municipal Corporation, Kakinada, East Godavari District constitute offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(1)(d) r/w 13 (2) of P.C. Act, 1988.

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being competent authority to remove Sri Narukurthi Krishna, worked as Bill Collector, 29 & 29 (a) Revenue (47$^{th}$ Election Ward), Municipal Corporation, Kakinada, East Godavari District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. F.I.R., Mediator Reports, statement of witnesses, made up files, explanation of Sri Narukurthi Krishna and final report of DG, ACB etc.,) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case consider Sri Narukurthi Krishna, worked as Bill Collector, 29 & 29 (a) Revenue Wards, (47$^{th}$ Election Ward), Municipal Corporation, Kakinada, East Godavari District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.

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7. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government hereby accord sanction for the Prosecution of Sri Narukurthi Krishna, worked as Bill Collector, 29 & 29 (a) Revenue Wards, (47th Election Ward), Municipal Corporation, Kakinada, East Godavari District for the above said offences punishable under Section 7 and 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**(R. KARIKAL VALAVEN)**
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The Director General,
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